

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION**

**CIVIL NO. 1:08CV294-T-02  
(1:06CR43-01-T)**

**ROBERT B. KELLER,**

**Petitioner,**

**vs.**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Respondent.**

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For the reasons set forth in the Memorandum and Order filed  
herewith,

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that  
the Petitioner's motion to vacate, set aside or correct judgment pursuant to  
§ 2255 is **GRANTED IN PART.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the  
Petitioner's conviction is **AFFIRMED**, his sentence is hereby **VACATED**,  
but he shall remain in the custody of the Attorney General of the United  
States. The Clerk of Court shall prepare an amended judgment which  
contains the same terms and provisions as that of the original judgment.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, with entry of the Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case, notice of appeal is deemed to be filed on behalf of the Petitioner and the appointment of appellate counsel is respectfully referred to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Petitioner's remaining claim that his counsel was ineffective for having failed to challenge the firearm enhancement is hereby **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

Signed: July 10, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. H. Thornburg', is written over a horizontal line.

Lacy H. Thornburg  
United States District Judge

